question No. (c) above, sent by the Chief Medical Officer to the Comptroller of Accounts out of the triplicates supplied by Messrs. Ferris & Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Dada & Co., as vouchers;

(e) will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has called for reports or opinions from any of the subordinates regarding the supplies of medicines to the institutions under them since the contract was given to Messrs. Dada & Co., for supplies;

(f) will the Government be pleased to call for and peruse and place them, if unobjectionable, on the Table ofthe House;

(g) will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Civil Surgeon of Trichur has reported on the cost of the medicines supplied to the Trichur Hospital under his charge;

(b) if so, will the Government be pleased to call for that report and peruse and place it on the Table of the House?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—(a) 1099.

(b) The list and invoices in the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's Office have been destroyed under the provisions of the Standing Orders. The available bills and invoices collected from the Comptroller's Office are placed on the Council Table.

(c) Vide answer to (b) of question No. 169. The bills and invoices for the respective years are also placed on the Council Table.

(d) Vide answers to (b) and (c).

(e) No report or opinion was called for.

(f) No answer necessary in view of answer to (e).

(g) and (h). No such report has been made.

**171. Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether before the last Budget Session Mr. S. Koder had sent in a tender for the supply of medicines to the Medical Department and if so, whether the same was scrutinised by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to see how it compared with the prices that were charged by Messrs. Dada and Company;

(2) will the Government be pleased to state by name or by office the person in the Medical Department who has been checking the prices of medicines charged by Messrs. Dada & Co., during the last three years in the Office of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer;

(3) whether the relative English and Continental price lists were made available to that officer for comparing the prices charged by Dada and Co., with the European prices;

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(4) will the Government be pleased to state whether Messrs. Ferris and Co., Ltd., who have been supplying medicines and instruments to the Cochin State, were not informed by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer that he was only making an experiment to see whether medicines, etc., could be had cheaper from Dada and Co., and that he has not completely given up the idea of placing the orders with them after the experiment ;

(5) whether the experiment resulted in favour of Dada and Co., or in favour of Ferris and Co., Ltd.;

(6) whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer was requested by Ferris and Co., Ltd., to send the invoice of the Indian Firms that offered to supply Western medicines at cheaper rates than what they could do, in order to send the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer an analysed comparative list to satisfy the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer that no Indian Firm could supply Western medicines manufactured and prepared in Europe at cheaper rates than what they could do ;

(7) whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer sent those invoices to them as requested by them, and if not, why not, and if he did send them, what is the result;

(8) will the Government be pleased to inform whether any invoice of medicines supplied by Dada and Co., were forwarded by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to Mr. S. Koder or to the Hon'ble Member for Mattancheri ;

(9) whether the invoice prices were compared with the relative prices of Burgoynes Burbridges and Co., Ltd.;

(10) whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer was informed of the result of the comparison; and if so

(11) will the Government be pleased to state what was the result found by the comparison of the invoices with the relative prices ?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—(1) Yes, not scrutinised with a view to get this year's supply through either, as the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer had accepted the proposal to import medicines direct from Europe, during the Budget Session.

(2) Section clerk with the Head clerk's scrutiny.

(3) The prices charged are compared with price list which had been previously approved.

(4) Yes.

(5) In favour of the former.

(6) Yes, not invoices but indents. Vide Appendix II, Page 2071, Volume II, Part 25 of the Council Proceedings.

(7) No, Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer himself made a comparative valuation of a few indents and found there was

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gain in the arrangement with Messrs. Dada and Co., and, therefore, did not consider it necessary to send them because Messrs. Ferris and Co., were not likely to know the expenses incurred this side.

(8) No invoice was sent to the Member for Mattancheri. Mr.Koder, who was an applicant for this year's supply, asked the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer for a few invoices and they were ordered to be sent to him.

(9), (10) and (11). After a few days the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer got a comparative statement from him with a letter that we were paying higher prices but he found that his conclusions were based on insufficient data.

## Original works in certain Panchayats.

**172. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) whether any of the original works included in the budget estimates of the Desamangalam, Panjal, Kariyannur, Machad and Varavur Panchayats for the year 1104 had been included in the budget estimates of the previous year or years;

(b) if so, what are the works which have so recurred in the bubget estimates of the previous years;

(c) for how many years have these works been recurring items in the Panchayat budgets?

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—(a) Yes.

(b) A list is placed on the Council Table.

(c) Vide column 3 of the list.

**Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—Several works have recurred for so many years in the Panchayat. May I know what is the reason of this recurrence of the works provided for in a particular year in another year? Works provided for in the preceding year are provided for in the succeeding year also. Why this recurrence?

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—Works provided for one year were not carried out.

**Mr. V.V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—So in all these cases the works were provided for and were not carried out?

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—I cannot say in all these cases.

## Tenders for original works in Panchayats.

**173. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Superintendent of Panchayats has called for tenders for works to be executed in the several Panchayats for 1104;

(b) if so, the names of such Panchayats and the section which gives power to the Superintendent to call for such tenders;

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